

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently Amended) An isolated polynucleotide comprising a polynucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of:

(a) a polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide containing the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2, the polypeptide having phosphoglycerate mutase activity, and

(b) a polynucleotide that is fully complementary to the polynucleotide of (a).

6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently Amended) An isolated corynebacterial polynucleotide comprising a polynucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of:

(a) a polynucleotide that is identical to SEQ ID NO: 1 encoding a polypeptide containing the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2, the polypeptide having phosphoglycerate mutase activity, and

(b) a polynucleotide that is fully complementary to the polynucleotide of (a).

8-21. (Canceled)

22. (Previously Presented) A member of the coryneform group of bacteria transformed by the polynucleotide according to claims 5 or 7.

23. (Previously Presented) Bacteria according to claim 22, wherein the bacteria are of the genus *Corynebacterium*.

24-27. (Canceled)

28. (Previously Presented) A vector comprising the polynucleotide of claims 5 or 7.

29. (Previously Presented) The vector of claim 28, wherein said vector is an expression vector.

30. (Canceled)

31. (Currently Amended) [[A]] An isolated host cell comprising the vector of claim 28.

32. (Previously Presented) A host cell of claim 31 that is a prokaryotic cell.

33. (Currently Amended) An isolated nucleic acid comprising [[a]] the nucleotide sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 1.

34. (Canceled)

35. (New) An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a polynucleotide sequence contained in deposit DSM13456.

36. (New) A vector comprising the nucleic acid molecule of claim 35.